



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Council Member Houston was absent.

1. Briefing and discussion on fiscal year 2016-2017 proposed budgets for city departments.
Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Budget Officer.

The following departmental presentations were made:

- **Animal Services**
Presentation was made by Lee Ann Shenefiel, Deputy Animal Services Officer, Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager and Kymberley Maddox, Assistant Director of Health and Human Services.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on the revenue and expenditures from the Animal Services Donation Fund.

- **Austin Code**
Presentation was made by Carl Smart, Director.

Direction was given to staff to provide information on definition of group homes and detox centers.

- **Austin Public Library**
Presentation was made by Brenda Branch, Director, Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager and Victoria Rieger, Department Financial Manager.

Direction was given to staff to provide information on the amount of vacancy savings that is being redirected to cover costs associated with the additional design costs relating to the construction of the new library and a list of cities that were used as bench mark for the material expenses per capita including their material per capita expense.

- **Health and Human Services**
Presentation was made by Shannon Jones, Director, Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager, Stephanie Haden, Deputy Director and Kymberley Maddox, Assistant Director.

Direction was given to staff to provide more details on the amount of funding incorporated in the proposed budget that were requested by Council through previous resolutions; and

information on the job fairs provided by the department including the possibility of collaborating with other City departments sponsoring job fairs.

- **Neighborhood Housing and Community Development**
Presentation was made by Letitia Brown, Acting Assistant Director, Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager and Alex Zamora, Chief Administrative Officer.
- **Parks and Recreation**
Presentation was made by Sara Hensley, Director and Angela Means, Financial Manager.

4. Set public hearings on the proposed property (ad valorem) tax rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (Suggested dates and times: August 18, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. and September 1 at 4:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, TX). (Public comment will be allowed on this item).
A motion to postpone this item to Tuesday, August 9, 2016 was made by Council Member Zimmerman. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion to postpone the item to the first available after receiving the updated information from the Travis County Appraisal District was approved on Council Member Pool's motion on an 8-1 vote. Council Member Zimmerman voted nay. Council Member Gallo was off the dais. Council Member Houston was absent.

5. Approve a resolution adopting a maximum proposed property (ad valorem) tax rate of 44.11 cents per \$100 taxable value that the City Council will consider for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and setting the date that the Council will adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 property (ad valorem) tax rate (Suggested date and time: September 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Austin City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin TX). (Public comment will be allowed on this item.)
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2. Approve an ordinance adopting a process for discussing and voting on council budget concepts to be included in the draft Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget; waiving the requirements of City Code Chapter 2-5 relating to citizen participation in items to be voted on in work session; and declaring an emergency. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Steve Adler, CO 1: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria, CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, CO 3: Council Member Ann Kitchen)
Ordinance 20160803-002 was approved on Mayor Adler's motion, Council Member Renteria's second on an 8-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Members Casar, Gallo, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Council Members Troxclair and Zimmerman. Council Member Houston was absent.

Discussion occurred regarding the number of Council Members required to add or remove an item from the Budget Concept List. Council discussed setting the requirement of requiring support of four council members to add an item to the concept list and seven council members to remove an item from the list.

3. Discussion and possible action on the Council Budget Concept Menu.
This item was withdrawn without objection.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 11th day of August 2016 on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Gallo's second on an 11-0 vote.